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Cathy Catterson, Clerk of the Court U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit 95 Seventh Street San Francisco, CA 94103-1526

Re: Newdow v. Congress, Case No. 06-16344

Dear Ms. Catterson:

Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 28(j) and Circuit Rule 28-6, Plaintiff-Appellant submits this supplemental authority regarding *Faith Center Church v. Glover*, 462 F.3d 1194 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006).

Attention is drawn to *Faith Center*'s statement regarding viewpoint discrimination: "The test, as we have articulated, is whether the government has excluded a perspective on a subject matter." *Id.* at 1209. The atheistic perspective is obviously excluded from consideration within the nation's motto, "In God We Trust." *See*, *e.g.*, *Opening Brief* at 12 (discussing the disregard for an Atheistic viewpoint), and at 32-34 (discussing the violation of religious neutrality).

Faith Center also recognized that "religious worship within the [government-controlled locale] may alienate patrons and undermine the [government's] purpose." 462 F.3d at 1207. The motto has certainly done this. See, e.g., Opening Brief at 42 (discussing how Atheists have been turned into "outsiders").

That "religious speech is barred from the government speaker," 462 F.3d at

1213, was another point made by the panel majority in Faith Center. Yet

government has endorsed and placed its imprimatur on the religious speech, "In

God We Trust." Opening Brief at 40-43.

Finally, attention is drawn to the words of the concurrence: "To assert an

inability to conclude that purpose is religious in every sense, is to engage in the

kind of sophistry that gives the law a bad name." Id. at 1216 (Karlton, J.,

concurring). Plaintiff has noted that such "sophistry" – in regard to the motto – was

referenced by Justice Kennedy. Opening Brief at 42.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

## **CASE NOS. 06-16344**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007, true and correct copies of Plaintiff's letter of supplemental authority (*Faith Center Church v. Glover*, 462 F.3d 1194 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006)) were delivered by e-mail to the following individuals:

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Pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 25-3.3, the undersigned has received a completed and signed Form 13 (Consent to Electronic Service) from counsel for each of the parties.

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